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HRT-0303CON

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Title

Surgical Clips and Method for Tissue Approximation

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Prior application information: Examiner 3731 Group Art Unit:

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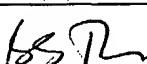
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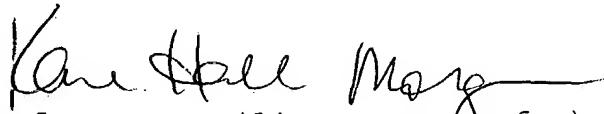
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